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15th February Upper house

This house desires that the Lower house will take into their Consideration the Inconveniencies and Mischiefs that have happened for want of a Law in this Province impowering the Chief Iudge for Probat of Wills and Testaments to Grant Letters of Administration upon Good Security given by Such persons who for Conscience Sake cannot Swear, and together with this Message do send a Petition Addressed to them wherein the Sufferings of a certain Widdow the Petitioner are Sadly Represented, Whereupon this house do desire the Lower house to prepare a Law for the future. Remedying of the Mischiefs and Inconveniencies aforesaid.

The house is Adjourned till 9 of the Clock to Morrow Morning.

Tuesday the 16th of February the house mett.

Present

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\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{The Chancellor} \\ \text{Secretary---} \\ \text{Surveyor Generall} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Sam! Chew Esq^r---} \\ \text{Thos! Trueman Esq^r} \\ \text{Thomas Taylor Esq^r} \end{array} \right\}
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This house is Adjourned till two of the Clock in the Afternoon

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\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Chancellor \\ Secretary \\ Sur \ Gen! \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} M^r \ Truman \\ M^r \ Taylor \end{array} \right\}
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The Petition of Iohn Long of London Merchant read, Assented to by the Upper house and Ordered to be sent Down.

M! Taylor Sent with the Widdow Warners Petition and a Message Endorsed thereon the 15th of February.

Lower house 16th February.

Put to the Vote in this house whether 25th Tobacco pr. Poll to be Collected the next year and Deposited in his Excellencys hand will be Sufficient to Sustaine the Charge of the Warr with the Indians if it should so happen untill the the Assembly can be called to Supply further; Jt was by the Major part Voted Sufficient, Whereupon Ordered that a Message be sent to the upper house with the said Vote and Humbly to desire them to Consider thereof and to Return their Opinions concerning the Same to this house.